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NPIC/PEG (11/83)Copy 30**COMBAT OPERATIONS
FARAH AIRFIELD, AFGHANISTAN**

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1. **SIGNIFICANCE:** MAJOR ELEMENTS OF ONE SOVIET MOTORIZED RIFLE REGIMENT ARE IN EIGHT CONVOY FORMATIONS AT THE AIRFIELD AND APPEAR TO BE DEPARTING POSSIBLY TO CONDUCT A COMBAT OPERATION IN THE AREA. (SWN)
2. **REMARKS:** THE REGIMENT HAS ARRIVED [REDACTED] THE CONVOY FORMATIONS ARE HEADED NORTH AND APPEAR TO BE ASSEMBLING BEHIND THE ASSAULT/ENGINEER ELEMENT CONSISTING OF AT LEAST THREE MINE-CLEARING TANKS. THESE UNITS ARE PROBABLY ELEMENTS OF THE 5TH GUARDS MOTORIZED RIFLE DIVISION NORMALLY HEADQUARTERED AT SHINDAND DEPLOYMENT AREA [REDACTED] UNITS INCLUDE ONE BMP ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIER (APC)-EQUIPPED MOTORIZED RIFLE (MR) BATTALION (BN), ELEMENTS OF ONE BTR-60 APC-EQUIPPED MR BN, ONE TANK BN, ONE MULTIPLE ROCKET LAUNCHER BATTERY (BTRY), TWO 122MM HOWITZER D-30 BTRY, ONE COMBAT ASSAULT ENGINEER UNIT, AND ONE PROBABLE BMP APC-EQUIPPED RECONNAISSANCE UNIT (NOT ALL ON GRAPHIC). FOUR HIP C/E/F HELICOPTERS HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED TO THE AIRFIELD IN SUPPORT OF THE OPERATION (NOT ALL ON GRAPHIC). (SWN)

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FARAH, IN SOUTHERN FARAH PROVINCE IN SOUTHWEST AFGHANISTAN, IS APPROXIMATELY 65 NM SOUTH OF SHINDAND AND 370NM SOUTHWEST OF KABUL. (SWN)

3. [REDACTED] COORDINATES 32-22-13N 062-09-34E

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